

The Region ReCAP

Southeast Region

...news from across the Region



Alabama-Florida-Georgia-Mississippi-Puerto Rico-Tennessee

April 2004



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Col Tony Pineda

RETENTION

Retention of members within our organization can be a major problem. Senior members and cadets join a unit, attend meetings for a few months, then some disappear. We've all encountered this, but what can we do about it? Retention can be as simple as making a member feel good about their assignment and themselves. If a member is guided, and trained in a positive, enthusiastic climate, this will lead to continued participation.

I want to see every unit within the Southeast Region initiate a **MENTOR PROGRAM**. Every senior member and every cadet, new to the program will be assigned a mentor. This should be someone who will be available to assist the new cadet or senior member. The mentor and mentee should be paired for a period of one year. This program will include mentors not only for new members, but for new squadron commanders and group commanders as well. Take an experienced cadet or senior member and assign that person to a new member.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Cadet Col Hila Levy, Puerto Rico Wing, SER-PR-126 has
been chosen as the
2003 Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year.**

DEPLOYED MILITARY SUPPORT PROJECT

The Florida Wing continues with the Deployed Military Support Project. The program continues to grow and the effect is certainly being felt among a growing number of troops that we are showing our love, concern and care by sending care packages, writing letters and sending cards. The program is being divided into two parts as follows:

(Deployed Military Project continued)

Part 1: Adopt-A-Unit. If your unit wants to adopt a deployed unit then we can provide the unit. By adopting a unit you would need to communicate with a representative of the unit, on occasion send care package[s] and cards or letters as your members will write them.

Part 2: Individual: As an individual you can also send packages, cards or letters to a unit representative or to an individual.

We supply the validated names and units. The addresses provided are to units or individuals whom we have screened through the OPMAL program to insure that they are in place to receive the support they are asking for and if they represent the unit, that they have the Unit Commander's permission to do so. We supply you with a logo to put on the outside of the packages, letters and cards and an insert slip for you to put inside the package for feedback. These are provided as attachments, which you print and use as needed.

We want to welcome Major David Crockwell, MLO, CAP to our Wing Chaplain Staff. Major Crockwell will be working very closely with us on this project. Once we have developed our plan of action you will be hearing more from him. This is a blessing to have him volunteer his services to assist in this excellent project.

What can you do?

1. Register your unit with us:
 - a. to ADOPT-A-UNIT
 - b. to just take part as time and assets permit
2. Register as an individual to assist.

What should you do to register? Send the following:

Name
Grade
CAP ID Number
Unit Number
Do you represent the unit?
Does your unit want to adopt a unit?

Address
Phone
Fax
Email

Brief description of what you would like to do.

Where should I send the info: Send to ChaplainPainter@Bellsouth.net

Thank you for taking part and assisting. No assistance is too small or too great; they are our troops and need our support. Please make any inquiry you like to assist with this program. Members of other Wings and Groups have also communicated to help. They are most welcome to join us in this effort and be a part of the Project. We welcome all the assistance we can get and our troops need the prayers and support.

Thank you,
Chaplain Lt Col Dewey E. Painter, Sr., CAP
Florida Wing Chaplain

SER CHAPLAIN

Submitted by Chaplain Lt Col Ralph Rivers, SER Chaplain

Anyone paying any attention to current events at home and abroad knows that peace is not the order of the day. Bombs and bullets have become all too common and the innocent continue to suffer the ravages of war. God, by whatever name, cannot be pleased with us and weeps because we were created to be in harmony with each other, all creatures and our surroundings. It seems we need to rethink a lot of things if the benefits of peace are to take hold on a global scale. Lots of work to do here and the best place to start is individually by thinking about how one views and responds to this increasingly diverse and global community and make some changes in attitude and priorities as needed.

I pray that the traditions of Passover and the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter will find new and fresh expression in your daily lives. Spend time with your family and friends. May you experience healing and renewal of spirit and faith together.

Southeast Region Chaplain Service Staff College 2004 has happened! Chaplains, Moral Leadership Offices and presenters came from around the Region to continue their training in service to the members of our units, Group and Wing staffs. Forty-seven people attended the sessions. The staff college was held at the Life Enrichment Center on Lake Griffin near Leesburg, Florida. This was a departure from holding the college at Maxwell AFB. However, the advantages of guaranteed space, food service, and other amenities more than overcame the challenges in making the move.

The curriculum theme revolved around keeping in shape physically, emotionally, and spiritually so that the Auxiliary of the Air Force can effectively complete the missions assigned. A presentation was included on Hospice care because our members are increasingly confronted with end of life issues and could benefit from knowing about Hospice and what it provides.

The dates for CSSC 2005 are May 2-5, 2005, and will be held at the Life Enrichment Center again.

SER EMERGENCY SERVICES

Submitted by Luis Negron, Maj, SER Director, Emergency Services

Southeast Region Search and Rescue College. More information is posted on the SER Emergency Services website. <http://bellsouthpwp.net/l/e/lenegron/ser%20es%20page.htm>

SER COUNTERDRUG

Submitted by Ed Kessler, Capt, SER/CDDA

SER COUNTERDRUG AIR CREWS ENHANCE SOUTH EAST AIR DEFENSE

Many with skills from prior military tours. and having advanced ratings. All chosen from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida and soon Puerto Rico Wings. They performed aerial maneuvers, cloaked at least from the eyes of passersby, away and over the vastness of the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean. Hundreds of miles from any trace of land, or indication of a heading, Northeast?, South?, except as revealed by precious instrumentation. The ritual dance occurs monthly with partners who streak up and out from the neighboring Air National Guard Fighter Squadrons. They are Heavier, Faster, and Capable, and enjoy mid-air refueling, unlike CD/SEADS Aircrews who operate twin props and Cessna-182's must bring all that they need. The common purpose is to prepare in order to confront and prevail over an enemy who is unlikely to own a single MiG-31 (MIKOYAN-GUREVICH) aka FOXHOUND. Oddly the ritual is also reminiscent of an earlier time, against an earlier but more technologically focused but no less despotic foe. When during the 2nd of the World Wars, where "soon to

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be pilots” of the RAF were brought to this desolate area and taught the basics of air combat, then thrust back into the crucible of fury in the sky over Britain, the channel and then over a liberated Europe.

Some photographs which would never otherwise be noted are shown below, which were taken during a momentary break during the exercise that demonstrates the vigil by both Air National Guard and USAF Auxiliary CD/S.E.A.D.S. Aircrews.



SER MEDICAL

Submitted by Pat Faunt, Lt Col, SER Nurse Officer

Unfortunately **Accidents DO happen at home, work and play.** Here are a few first aid tips:

Heat Illness: When it's hot and humid and you want to exercise, make sure it will be during the cooler part of the day such as early morning or evening. Wear lightweight and light colored clothing. It's critical to drink fluids before, during and after exercise. If you are exercising more than an hour you may want to drink a sports drink containing 6-8 % carbohydrate with some sodium otherwise cool water is the best fluid replacement for a shorter period of time.

Broken Tooth: Clean the injured area and apply ice. Save the tip of the tooth it may be possible to reattach and call your dentist right away.

Knocked out Tooth: Hold the tooth by the wide, top part, and rinse it gently (do not rub or touch the root). Put the tooth back in its socket; cover with gauze or tissue and bite down to stabilize it / or store the tooth in cold milk or salt water, or between the cheek and gum. It's important not to let the tooth dry out and the tooth might be saved if re-implanted in an hour.

Jaw Injuries: If teeth fit together properly when the mouth is closed, apply ice and restrict diet to soft foods; if no improvement occurs within 24 hours seek dental care. If teeth don't fit together properly when the mouth is closed, seek emergency care immediately. Gently align the jaws, keep them in place with a bandage under the chin and over the head, and apply ice.

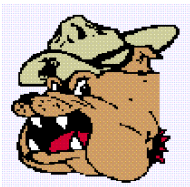
Head and Neck Injury: Avoid moving the injured person unless done by professionals or if in DANGER. Immobilize the head by placing rolled towels on either side. Avoid risk of shock by keeping the injured person warm. If unconscious, clear the person's mouth and hold their tongue forward to maintain an open airway. Seek emergency care.

Facial Cuts: Cover the wound with a clean dressing, apply pressure, and keep the dressing in place until you can make it to the hospital.

Cuts Inside of the Mouth: Gently rinse the mouth with cold water. Bite on some gauze, a clean cloth or tissue and apply pressure to the wound. Go to the closest hospital ER for immediate treatment.

Broken Nose: Gently pack the nose with gauze or tissue and apply ice. Don't blow nose. If bleeding persists or sudden nasal airway obstruction occurs, seek attention immediately.

Be aware, take care.



THE GUNNY'S MAILBAG

**Advice, Comments, Questions, and Answers about
Uniforms and Protocol**

*By Ed Wasserman, Lt Col
smv1998@comcast.net*

Greetings from the GUNNY's Mailbag,

As an active part of protocol, we must be aware of our surroundings at all times. It is necessary to remember to render salutes when called for in a proper manner. Remember that all salutes are crisp and sharp. The index finger of the right hand makes contact and is dropped downward sharply.

We should also remember in a Civil Air Patrol setting, we are all friends but we must still remember our military bearing. That means we address all senior officers by rank not name. We also address junior officers or NCO's by grade not by name. It is very important we continue our military bearing, especially in public to maintain our image as non-paid PROFESSIONAL volunteers.

Another point to remember is that as we grow in rank sometimes we forget to be polite and proper to others. Let's all try to remember that "IT'S NICE TO BE IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO BE NICE".

WE WERE EXCELLENT YESTERDAY...SUPERIOR TODAY...BETTER TOMORROW.

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Send your questions and comments to "The Gunny" at smv1998@comcast.net

SER STAFF COLLEGE

Submitted by Valerie Brown, Lt Col, SER Special Assistant to the Commander – Training

SER Staff College '04 – REDESIGNED TO SERVE A RAPIDLY CHANGING CAP

To keep pace with both organizational changes and developments in technology during these last few years, Col Pineda felt our training needs should be reassessed. As a result, we selected a team of experienced staff members, educators, and former students to redesign our SER Staff College.

We approached this redesign by asking first "What skills do CAP officers need most at this level?" We then focused on the seven primary objectives that our regulations provide. SERSC '04 is specifically tailored to those objectives.

Coursework this year will be primarily project based. Projects will incorporate the following objectives: communication, teamwork, problem-solving and management skills. This will be a six-day practice environment for developing critical leadership skills and for the application of our CAP Core values. Seminars will focus on enhancing student skills and knowledge, providing the building blocks for successful completion of our projects.

Our exciting keynote project "Southeast Region CAP abilities" has been developed to introduce students to all six wings in the SER and to demonstrate both communication and presentation skills.

In order to develop a world-class training event, we have recruited a core of CAP staff members with significant and current experience in both command and staff positions including expertise in other region staff colleges. Lt Col Wes Hannah, FLWG Vice Commander, leads this team as Director of SERSC '04. Col John Wilkes, MSWG commander will serve as the Commandant for students.

We will once again be honored to have use of the facilities of the Air National Guard Training and Education Center (TEC) and instructors from the Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson ANGB, Knoxville, TN, graciously coordinated by CAP-USAF liaison personnel and the TNWG State Director, John Carnduff. The TEC offers billeting to each of our students for less than \$10.00 per day and the Rocky Top Dining facility offers complete meals for under \$ 5.00. These expenses will be paid on site by each student.

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To join us from July 24-30, 2004 for a dynamic and inspiring week at SER Staff College '04, send your CAP Form 17 with \$ 50.00 registration fee payable to SER, CAP to:

Lt Col Wes Hannah, CAP
Director, SER Staff College '04
c/o 4414 Turnberry Ct.
Bradenton, FL 34210-2965

Credit card registration will also be available from May 1 to July 1 on the FLWG website, for your convenience.

PERSONNEL

Submitted by Diane Reid, Maj, SER Director of Personnel/PAO

Promotions around the Region

McCoy, Thomas	FL-450	Lt Col
Moruzzi, Frank	FL-023	Lt Col
Rasmussen, Guy	FL-423	Lt Col
Rasmussen, Wayne	FL-051	Lt Col
Swigert, Gary	FL-054	Lt Col
Rodriguez, Roberto	PR-001	Maj
Brault, Rose	FL-314	1Lt
Moore, John	SER-001	1Lt

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lt Col Valerie Brown
Lt Col Harold Cunningham
SM Roy Boudreaux



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Lt Col Samuel Anderson
Lt Col Jorge Del Rio
Lt Col Ralph McBride
Maj Frank Basile
Maj Carmelo Bazzano
Capt William Crowley, Jr.
1Lt John Moore
2Lt Sally Bilotto

PLEASE JOIN US IN WISHING THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Submitted by Mike Lorenz, Lt Col, Georgia Wing, Group IV

Georgia Wing Conference

April 24th is the day of the 2004 Georgia Wing Conference. I would encourage all members to attend the Conference that is being held at the Air Force Museum at Warner Robins. Cost for the general session is \$12.00 for Seniors and free for Cadets. The formal banquet is \$25.00 a person. Deadline for reservations is April 16th. The Conference is an outstanding way for you to see other members in the Wing, learn more about what is happening in the Wing, and to talk with other members doing the same jobs as you are. If you still need lodging, please contact LTC Bruce Lindsey as soon as possible. Hope to see you all there.

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Georgia Wing SAR Practice / Guided Exercise

The Georgia Wing SAR Practice / Guided exercise will be held 16-17 April. This is a practice to work out any problems for next month's EVAL/Guided Exercise. The Wing will be running two bases, Rome and Albany. Qualified members are needed in Albany to man mission support positions. All Group IV members are requested to contribute to the success of this exercise. Please contact LTC McCracken if you would like to help.

TENNESSEE WING
Commander: Col Jim Rushing

Submitted by Lt. Col. Melinda Lord, TN Wing Chief of Staff

MODEL ROCKETRY - Southern Thunder 2004

Major WILLIAM E. SANDER

In anticipation of the implementation of CAP's new Model Rocketry Program, Tullahoma Squadron is pleased to announce that we've received an invitation to Southern Thunder 2004. Southern Thunder 2004 is a regional Model Rocket launch, sanctioned by the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and hosted by the Music City Missile Club (MC2Rocketry) and the Huntsville Area Rocketry Association (HARA); both chartered NAR sections. Visit our website for more information <http://www.cafes.net/thacap/thunder.html>

Submitted by Captain Robert Kerner, Group 3 AEO

The Nashville CATS Squadron had Dr. Andrew Ertl from Vanderbilt University as a guest speaker 01 March. Dr. Ertl was involved in Neuro-lab, the last successful mission of the shuttle Columbia. He spoke about preparing laboratory tests to show the long-term effects of the absence of gravity on the body, which affects all astronauts.

Congratulations to Senior Member Raymond Rader of the Berry Field Composite Squadron; Lt. Sean Kinner, group's Emergency Services Officer; and Capt. Phillip Blansett, Wilson Co's Commanding Officer, on completing the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members. Captain Blansett score 100% on his test!!! The test can be taken online now, as all three of these members did.

Today's safety slogan is from Lt. Don Sims, Dyersburg Composite Squadron

Not being safe is twice as dangerous for CAP members.

Whatever happens in the air will also affect those on the ground.

FYI
For Your Information

Greetings from U.S. Space Camp and Aviation Challenge in Huntsville, Alabama. I, in cooperation with CAP National Headquarters Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education Departments, am conducting a survey we need your immediate help with. Space Camp and CAP are working together this year to try and provide 2 special week-long sessions at Space Camp or Aviation Challenge for CAP cadets to attend, and possibly one program for CAP adults to attend. After just retuning from NCASE in Atlanta, we decided we needed to research the level of interest among the CAP members. I need immediate feedback from any cadets or seniors who might be interested in participating in either of these sessions this summer. The response I get will determine if the programs can be put together or not. Currently, we are in the planning stages, this special is not yet official. If you are a squadron commander and have an email roster for your members, please forward this ASAP and let them respond directly to me at <mailto:blakem@spacecamp.com>

If you are at any other level, please spread this survey quickly as well. We would like to have an idea of how many might be interested with a week to 10 days. Email is the fastest way to respond, but I

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can also be reached at 1-800-241-5104, which is at Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. Below are the proposed options:

Option 1:

CAP cadets up to age 18

Weeklong program

Pick Space Camp or Aviation Challenge Program

Sessions: July 3-9 or Aug 7-13, 04 (2 dates to help work around other CAP activities)

Cost: \$649 for one weeklong program- (3 payment plan available) (normal cost \$899-\$999, ages 12-18)

Purpose-attend with other CAP cadets from around America

Qualify for CAP Special Activity Ribbon upon graduation

Cadets attend as individual - not as squadron (parents send cadet)

Option 2:

CAP adult program for ages 19 and over

Possibility of weeklong or weekend program

Sessions: TBD

Cost: Weeklong - Approx-\$899, weekend-\$399

Purpose - attend with other CAP adults from around America

Space Camp or Aviation Challenge possibility

While at CAP National Boards in Las Vegas in 03, I met MANY CAP adults who asked for an adult only program at Space Camp; here's your chance!

Again, if you would be interested in attending either option 1 or 2, please respond to me, Blake Mathis at Space Camp, so I, along with CAP HQ can determine the levels of interest from of CAP members. If you reply, please indicate if you would be interested in the cadet or senior program. Again, you are not signing up for these sessions yet, this is just to see how many might be interested. If these programs are made official, it will be advertised immediately and through most every CAP resource, including another email from me. Do not call Space Camp's reservation department to check on the status of this program. All CAP members who respond will receive an email from me updating them on the status of this program, regardless of the outcome.

I look forward to hearing from many of you regarding these sessions. Keep in mind, if you have any other interests pertaining to U.S. Space Camp, Aviation Challenge or the US Space and Rocket Center feel free to contact me. We offer 1, 2, 3, and 5-day programs for most any group, parent/child programs, plus we have Corporate Space Camp Programs for companies.

Thanks for your help.

Blake Mathis

Account Executive

U.S. Space & Rocket Center

1-800-241-5104

mailto:blakem@spacecamp.com

SER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

13-17 April	Florida Sun-n-Fun Fly-In, Lakeland
23-24 April	Georgia Wing Conference
30 April – 01 May	Alabama Wing Conference
30 April – 01 May	SER Drill/Color Guard Competition, Tyndall AFB
21-22 May	NEC Board Meeting, Philadelphia
4-6 June	Florida Wing Conference
6-12 June	Miss Wing Encampment
13-19 June	Region Cadet Leadership School, Columbus AFB, MS Director: Lt Col Hugh Sloan, hsloan@bus.olemiss.edu
19-25 June	Georgia Wing Encampment
4-10 July	Florida Wing Encampment
15-31 July	Region Cadet Leadership School, Patrick AFB, FL Director: Capt Vickie Meyer (temp), vickiepw@aol.com
25-31 July	SER Staff College, TN
7-10 July	National Cadet Competition, Ohio
8-18 July	SER Search & Rescue College, Camp Blanding, FL
17-20 August	National Boards, Tampa, FL
5-7 November	Tennessee Wing Conference
27 Dec 04 – 02 Jan 05	SER Winter Encampment, Tyndall AFB, FL Commander: Ltc Robert Masiker, rmasiker@juno.com

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